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1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED A COUNCIL DECISION WHICH WOULD EXTEND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977 THE APPLICATION OF ITS MARCH 14 DECISION TO APPLY THE GUIDELINES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPORT CREDIT CONSENSUS ON A COMMUNITY BASIS.

2. THE COMMISSION NOTES THAT:

ON 14 MARCH 1977 THE COUNCIL TOOK A DECISION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS OF CERTAIN GUIDELINES RELATING TO OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED EXPORT

CREDITS INTENDED FOR NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE VALIDITY OF THIS DECISION EXPIRES ON 30 JUNE 1977.

THE NON-MEMBER CREDIT-SUPPLYING COUNTRIES OBSERVING THESE GUIDELINES ARE: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FINLAND, JAPAN, NORWAY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE COMMUNITY'S ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GUIDELINES, WHICH HAS BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY THE NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES CONCERNED. SHOULD ENCOURAGE FURTHER INDUSTRIALIZED CREDIT-SUPPLYING COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT YET APPLY THOSE PRINCIPLES TO STATE THAT THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO DO SO; AT PRESENT THE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION ARE: AUSTRIA, GREECE, NEW ZEALAND, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. EXPERIENCE TO DATE IN THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDE-LINES HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS IN THE COMMON INTEREST TO MAINTAIN THIS DISCIPLINE. AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THE CONTENT OF THESE GUIDELINES COULD USEFULLY BE CLARIFIED AND STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THIS INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. SINCE SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT IS NOT FEASIBLE BEFORE THE DATE OF EXPIRY OF THE COUNCIL DECISION, NAMELY 30 JUNE 1977, IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF THE PRESENT TEXTS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES A PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE TO THE COUNCIL THAT IT DECIDE TO PROLONG APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977, ON THE SAME EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. 3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE TAKEN AT A COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK AS AN "A POINT." NO PROBLEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE FORESEEN IN OBTAINING A COUNCIL DECISION.

4. MISSION INFORMED FRIEDRICH KLEIN, DG-I, OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL (U.S. DECISION TO EXTEND) UPON ITS RECEIPT. HINTON

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